REMARKS

This application has been reviewed in light of the Office Action dated March 14, 2006. Claims 2-5 and 12-19 remain pending. Claims 1 and 6-11 have been cancelled, without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter presented therein. Applicant respectfully reserves the right to present those claims in a separate application. Claims 2, 3, 4, and 5 are in independent form. Favorable reconsideration is requested.

The Examiner is thanked for allowing Claims 2-5 and 12-19.

Claims 1 and 6-11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002-0060516 (*Kawate et al.*).
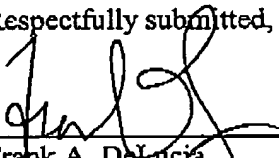
Without conceding the propriety of this rejection, Claims 1 and 6-11 have been canceled, thereby rendering the rejection moot. Applicant reserves the right to present those claims in a separate continuing application.

Only allowed claims remain. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests favorable reconsideration and early passage to issue of the present application.

This Amendment After Final Rejection is believed clearly to place this application in condition for allowance and its entry is therefore believed proper under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116. It is believed that all issues with respect to the rejected claims are now moot. In any event, however, entry of this Amendment After Final Rejection, as an earnest effort to advance prosecution and reduce the number of issues, is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner believe that issues remain outstanding, he is respectfully requested to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney in an effort to resolve such issues and advance the case to issue.

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